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Sues United Mine Workers.

The United Mine Workers of America have been made the defendants in two cases in the circuit court in this city, the suits having been filed late last evening.

The first case filed was that of Robert Woods, Mary Brady, Mathias Dickman, executor of the last will and testament of James Brady deceased; Thomas Brady, Kate Brady, Ella Woods and **Bridget Setzer**, a co-partnership, doing business under the firm name of the Brady Coal Company, vs. the United Mine Workers of America, incorporated, assumpsit; \$300.

The other case is brought by the same plaintiffs against the United Mine Workers of America, incorporated, in which they seek to recover damages amounting to \$300.



Mrs. Bridget Setzer.

Funeral services for the late Mrs. **Bridget Setzer**, wife of Fred W. Setzer, 711 South Mill street, were held at nine o'clock this morning from St. Mary's Catholic church, Rev. Fr. J. F. Barrett conducting.

Burial occurred in St. Mary's cemetery. The pallbearers were James Clark, Edward Woods, Bernard Woods, William Galbraith, Leo Ramsey and L. A. Norlund.

Obit for Fred Setzer

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FRED SETZER.

Fred Setzer, 74, died at 8:30 p. m. Saturday at his home, 730 North Mill street, after an illness of three years.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p. m. tomorrow at the Raleigh J. Harris funeral home with the Rev. R. G. Hershey, pastor at First Baptist church, officiating.

Friends may call this afternoon at the funeral home. Burial will be in Riverview cemetery, Streator.

Mr. Setzer was born Aug. 12, 1874, in Cornell, son of Pete and Sophia (Knight) Setzer. He was a lifelong resident of Cornell and Pontiac.

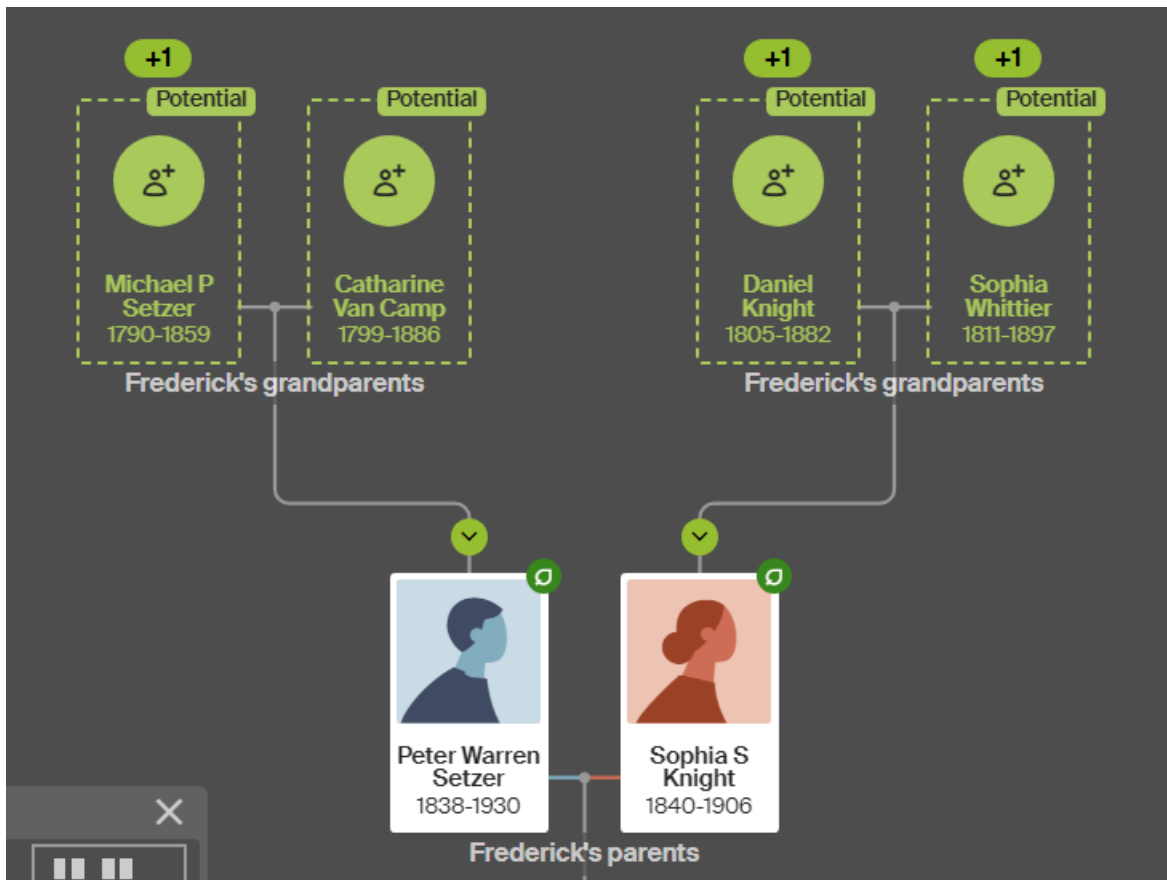
He was married in 1898 to Bridget Woods, who died in June, 1934.

He married Ann Oeser in Dixon, May 9, 1935.

Mr. Setzer was a member of the Baptist church and the Loyal Order of Moose.

Surviving are his wife and a daughter, Mrs. Helen DeFree, Pontiac; two sisters, Mrs. Arthur Spires, Pontiac; Mrs. Emma Niefing, Hinsdale and nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, five brothers, John, Bertie, Warren, Charles and George, and two sisters, Hattie and Nettie.



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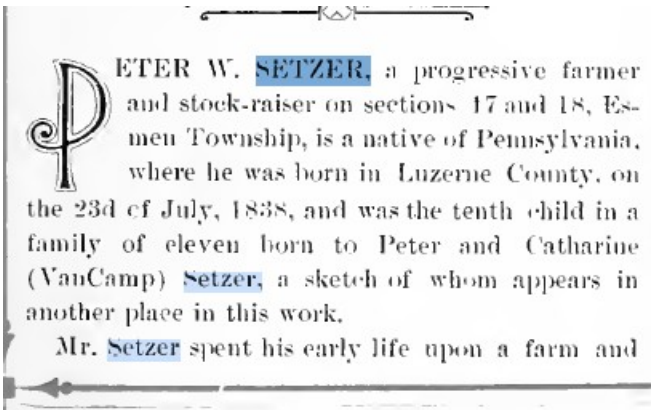
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long bio for P. W. Setzer



his dependence for an education was wholly upon the country schools. At sixteen years of age he left home and worked for a neighbor for six months, after which until almost of age he worked upon the farm in summer and during the winter attended school. His father dying about the time our subject reached his majority, he returned home, and taking active management of the farm, he soon saved sufficient money to buy ox-teams, and he then contracted for breaking prairie lands throughout the surrounding country; many of the farms in sight of his home were first brought under cultivation by his hard labor. Being energetic and enterprising he accumulated a good beginning before he concluded to marry.

On the 7th of April, 1862, Mr. Setzer took as a helpmeet Miss Sophia, daughter of Daniel and Sophia (Whittier) Knight, natives of the State of Maine, where she also was born in the year 1840. Her parents came to Illinois and first settled in LaSalle County, whence at the end of one year they came to Livingston County, but being of a roving disposition soon sold out and afterward made many changes, buying and selling land all the time until the death of the father, which occurred in Fillmore County, Minn. His wife still survives him, and resides in Chippewa County, Minn.

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In the summer of 1862 Mr. **Setzer** enlisted in Company M, Light Artillery, under Capt. Miller. The organization of this company was begun at Ottawa, and those who enlisted went to Chicago, where the complement of a full company was secured, and where Mr. **Setzer** was sworn into the service, acting independently as long as he served with it. About three months after the company went South he was injured at Louisville, Ky., by a horse, and on the 24th of October, 1862, he was discharged. He does not take a very lively interest in political matters but votes with the Republican

party. Mr. Setzer has a most excellent farm of 280 acres, in the cultivation of which he devotes much energy. In his stock operations he keeps abreast of the times, and has the reputation in his neighborhood of putting first-class animals upon the market.

As representative of the buildings in this section of country, we present on another page of this work a view of the homestead of Mr. Setzer.

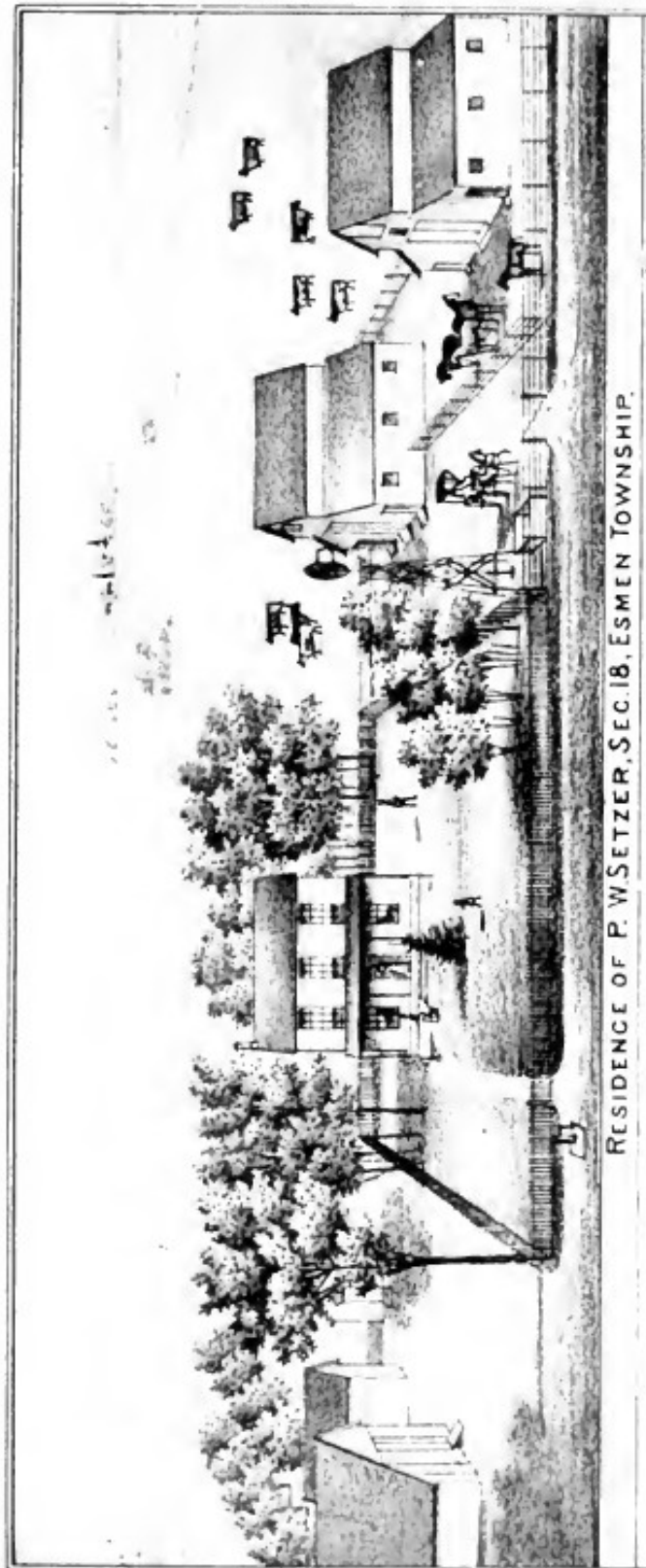


PETER SETZER was a farmer by occupation though in early life he learned the blacksmith's trade, which occupation he followed, managing a farm at the same time. He was born in Luzerne County, Pa., where he was reared and engaged in farming.

Mr. **Setzer** married Catherine Van Camp, a native of Pennsylvania, and in 1811 came to Illinois and settled in LaSalle County, which at that time was very sparsely settled, and the preliminary work of constructing a canal was in progress; there were then no railroads through the country. He lived there about seven years, when he moved to Livingston County, and bought eighty acres of wild land in what is now Esmer Township. He built his house of timber which grew along the creek, sawing the slabs used in its construction five miles from home and hauling them to where they were needed. This house was 13x20 feet and was one and one-

half stories in height. He was obliged to do all his own making and repairing of implements for farm use. His grain and stock market, while a resident of LaSalle County, was at Chicago, and he either drove or hauled his hogs there every year. At driving time the neighbors took turns at hauling feed along for the hogs and in aiding to drive them. While small game was plentiful in those days and deer roamed the prairie in great numbers, wolves were also very plentiful, and when the boys went in the evening to drive the cows home they carried a gun with which to protect themselves. Mr. Setzer was the father of eleven children at that time, of whom four were with him—Jacob, Peter W., Mattie and Anna. Sarah came soon after. Elizabeth, Isaac and Abraham remained in Pennsylvania, the boys following a seafaring life, and three children died in infancy. The life on the farm was at first characterized by many hardships, but soon the land around was taken up and settlement began in earnest. A few years served to see the prairie dotted with houses and the roots of the prairie grass turned up to the sun by the sturdy plowman.

Mr. Setzer was a quiet and industrious farmer, and never sought office, although quite active in political matters. He was a Republican in politics, while he and his wife were members of the Baptist Church for a great many years, and wielded a strong influence in the community. It is to such pioneers as Mr. Setzer that Illinois owes her standing for enlightenment and intelligence in the sisterhood of States.



RESIDENCE OF P. W. SETZER, SEC. 18, ESMEN TOWNSHIP.

